



Seattle City Council Public Safety and Education Committee

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RESPONSE TO SLI 42-2A-1: THE STATUS OF THE
RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR PROSTITUTED
YOUTH

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A little background



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- In 2007 HSD commissioned a report to determine the number of commercially sexually exploited children in our community, and recommendations for improving the response to them.
- The report indicated that 238 distinct sexually exploited youth came through the system in one year
- The report recommendations were vetted by the community.
- The recommendations included developing a residential recovery program for prostituted youth, stakeholder trainings and a community response plan.

Residential Recovery Program for Prostituted Youth:

- ✦ Three year pilot program: March 15, 2010 through April 2013:
- ✦ Total estimated cost: \$1,420,000

Prostituted Youth Advocate (ARRA funds):

- ✦ 1.0 FTE advocate from March 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011: \$105K.

Funding for the housing & training program



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- Total cost for three years of the enhanced shelter, residential recovery program, evaluation, training: \$1,825,000 (approximately)
- Funds committed or expected: \$1,600,000
- Need to raise by Mid 2012: \$230,000

Non-contracted expenses



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- Evaluation:
 - WA State Institute for Public Policy: \$25K (three year total)
 - Applied Inference evaluator: \$44K (three year total)

- Stakeholder Trainings
 - Stakeholder training \$25K (three year total)

Three Year Pilot: Funding Sources (34% government)



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● <u>Seattle General Fund</u>	<u>\$450 K</u>
● <u>King County MIDD</u>	<u>\$100 K</u>
● <u>United Way</u>	<u>\$300 K</u>
● <u>Private individual donors</u>	<u>\$440 K</u>
● <u>Public donations</u>	<u>\$ 90 K</u>
● <u>Gates Foundation</u>	<u>\$150 K</u>
● <u>Norcliffe Foundation</u>	<u>\$ 25 K</u>
● <u>NW Children's Fund</u>	<u>\$22.5K</u>
● <u>Dorsey and Whitney Foundation</u>	<u>\$ 20 K</u>
● <u>Women's Funding Alliance</u>	<u>\$ 10 K</u>
● <u>Soroptimists (Seattle Chapter)</u>	<u>\$ 5 K</u>

Evaluation of the Housing Component -Recidivism-



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- The Washington State Institute for Public Policy has not yet decided if they will contract with the City. Decision pending.
- Need to determine whether the program:
 - reduces future criminal activity (as measured by arrests and involvement with law enforcement street checks).
 - reduces emergency room use.

In addition, determine the proportion of youth with prior and current involvement with the child welfare system.

Evaluation of the Housing Component -Impact on Youth-



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Liz Moore of Applied Inference will determine:

- If youth in the program have decreased mental health and chemical dependency symptoms compared to youth with similar backgrounds who do not enter the program.
- If youth in the program are able to set and achieve personal goals.
- The aspects of the program that allow youth to be successful.
- The characteristics of each youth that contribute to his/her success.

The Bridge



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- New name for YouthCare's continuum of programs for commercially sexually exploited youth.
- The continuum includes:
 - Shelter
 - Residential Recovery Program
 - Case Management
 - Advocacy

The Bridge Program Update



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Programs opened for business mid-May, 2010

- Two dedicated shelter beds (United Way funded); 20 youth served by these beds; 8 exited to the residential program
- Six dedicated recovery program beds – but up to 9 can be used if available: 9 youth in the program to date
- Over 50 youth have been served by the community based (prostituted youth) advocate

Program Challenges



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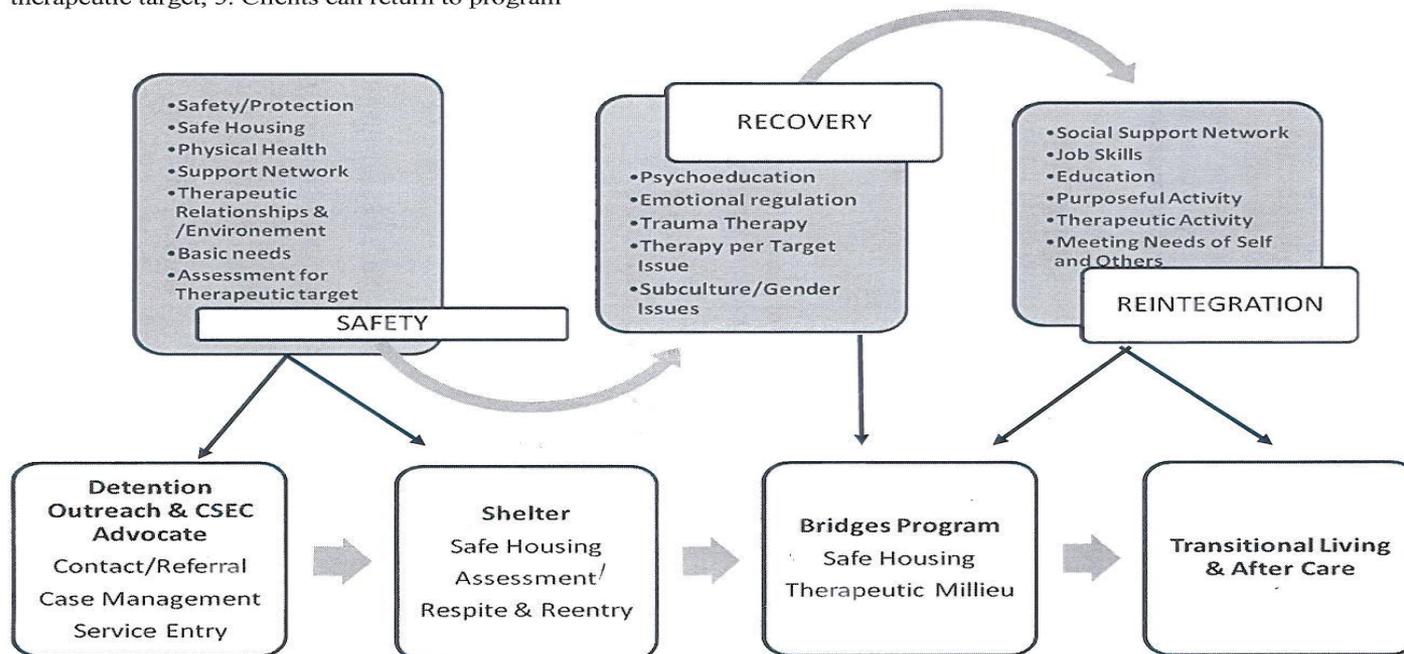
- Hiring and training staff
- Settling on the recovery model and making it work
- The youth have complex needs, behaviors and systems involvement
- Schooling
- Availability of psychiatric services

Recovery Model

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Proposed CSEC Recovery Model

Assumptions of Model: 1. Voluntary, 2. Stages of Change, 3. Therapeutic Milieu, 4. Expectation of Staff skill building/focus on therapeutic target, 5. Clients can return to program



Services Attached To Recovery Phase

Advisory Committees



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- Committees formed to assist YouthCare with the development and assessment of the program
 - CORE committee meets every other month
 - ✦ Consists of subject matter experts
 - Quarterly committee meets quarterly
 - ✦ Consists primarily of key funders

Comprehensive Stakeholder Training



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8 hour trainings offered quarterly: 420 have been trained since 2009.

Coordinated Regional Response



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Vision: All children and youth live free of sexual exploitation and are supported in reaching their full potential.

Mission: Facilitate a coordinated effort that will improve the regional response and capacity to support commercially sexually exploited youth and hold accountable those who exploit them.

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Task: Create a three-year strategic plan

Steering Committee:

- 25 members
- Three counties represented
- Missing: schools and child welfare reps

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Four goals:

1. Prevention: Our community members understand that sexually exploited youth are victims and we work to end their exploitation.
2. Victim Services: Commercially sexually exploited youth have immediate access to competent, caring, culturally relevant and comprehensive victim-centered services.

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3. Offender Accountability: Those who commercially sexually exploit or contribute to the commercial sexual exploitation of youth are held accountable for their actions and behaviors.

4. Data: The region's coordinated community response for commercially sexually exploited youth is guided by data collection, analysis and research.

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